

## MYSORE SALES TAX (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961- *Introduction*

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—Sir, I beg to introduce the Mysore Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Mysore Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1961 is introduced.

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## MYSORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

### *Motion to consider*

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Development and Local-Self Government).—Sir, I beg to move :

“That the Mysore Village Panchayat and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be taken into consideration.”

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That the Mysore Village Panchayat and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be taken into consideration.”

† Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, this amendment to the original Act has become necessary after the experience we have had in the working of the Act for a few months. The Bill seeks to amend the rate of octroi to be levied by the various town panchayats. According to the original Act, the rate has to be prescribed uniformly for all the Panchayats by the Government. This we have found to be unsatisfactory and not workable. Therefore, we want to vest the power in the Panchayats themselves so that they might make bye-laws to determine the rate of octroi duty on goods at a rate not higher than what is mentioned in schedule I.

The second amendment is to make the economic promotion and the agricultural progress a compulsory and obligatory duty on the part of the village panchayat and taluk board, not discretionary. We want to invest them with greater power in regard to agricultural production, because the Government wants to process wherever possible the activities through the local bodies and we want to increase the economic progress and agricultural production through the taluk boards and village panchayats. These are the two or three amendments which are sought to be made by this amending Bill. I request the House to pass this Bill.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has been pleased to give our reasons why he is seeking amendments to the Mysore Village Panchayat Act of 1959. Sir, it has been said that the levy of octroi at rates prescribed by the Government has resulted in some dissatisfaction in some panchayats. I do not know whether the